

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST
TRANSITION EIS
PROPOSED ACTION – PART II
FUTURE SITE-SPECIFIC PROPOSAL PROCESS

Part II of the Proposed Action includes the use of design criteria and a site-specific review process to authorize reasonable access for future site-specific proposals to develop reserved and outstanding mineral rights within the ANF, with provisions to mitigate impacts to surface resources. The following information identifies the proposed process.

DESIGN CRITERIA: Future site-specific proposals would be required to be consistent with standards and guidelines in the 2007 Forest Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement proposed action. These standards and guidelines can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/alleggheny/> and by clicking on the link for the “Transition EIS,” then the link at the top of the page labeled “STEP 1: PUBLIC SCOPING.”

SITE-SPECIFIC REVIEW PROCESS: When a site-specific proposal is received, the Forest Service will conduct necessary field reviews to ensure (1) the proposal is consistent with the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, (2) potential impacts to site-specific resources have been appropriately mitigated, and (3) the proposal is within the bounds of the analysis conducted as part of the Transition EIS. Field specialists will complete the following forms to document this process.

PART II AREA: The Part II Area covers approximately 327,700 acres of National Forest System lands (see map). Boundaries were delineated on a watershed level, for analysis purposes, and were determined based on the following criteria: (1) include large watersheds that cover at least 55% of oil and gas fields (as delineated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)); (2) include additional large watersheds with a considerable amount of existing OGD and/or projected future OGD; (3) include small watersheds that cover at least 60% of oil and gas fields (as delineated by the DCNR); and (4) include additional small watersheds with a considerable amount of existing OGD and/or projected future OGD.

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ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP
RESERVED OR OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS
FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Proposal Title:

Proposal Leader:

Proposal Location:

Legal Description:

Warrants/Lots:

Management Areas:

Description of proposal (attach map):

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INTERDISCIPLINARY COORDINATION PLAN

Route the project description and this coordination plan to all resources that could be affected by the proposal. Place a checkmark next to resource areas where coordination would be necessary. Specific resource documentation sheets for the resources marked with an asterisk (*) are attached.

| | RESOURCE | NAME |
|--|-----------------------|------|
| | Botany * | |
| | Fuels | |
| | Heritage * | |
| | Hydrology/Soils * | |
| | NEPA | |
| | Recreation * | |
| | Silviculture | |
| | Transportation * | |
| | Vegetation Management | |
| | Wildlife/Fisheries * | |
| | Other: | |

Resource Specialists: Document concerns (Note: If there will be no impact, indicate “no impact” and sign.) List mitigation necessary to avoid adverse impacts. If applicable, identify the need for further coordination.

RESOURCE:

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE: _____

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FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Proposal Title:

Resources: BOTANY

Specialist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

A. Is the proposal within known sensitive plant locations? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

If no, go to B.

B. Is the proposal area covered by previous surveys? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, proposal may proceed.

If no, complete pre-field survey and conduct field surveys based on pre-field results. If surveys reveal potential impacts to sensitive plants, the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

Protection or mitigation requirements:

FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Proposal Title:

Resources: HERITAGE

Specialist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Is the proposal within a known eligible or unevaluated cultural resource site or district? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, the site must be protected or mitigated, or the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

If no, go to B.

- B. Is the proposal area covered by previous surveys? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, proposal may proceed.

If no, complete pre-field survey and conduct field surveys based on pre-field results. If surveys reveal potential impacts to heritage resources, the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

Attach a copy of the summary sheet documenting the cultural resource inventory.

Protection or mitigation requirements:

FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Proposal Title:

Resources: HYDROLOGY/SOILS

Specialist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Is the proposal located outside of a wetland, vernal pond, or spring seep?
___ Yes ___ No

If yes, go to B.

If no, the site must be protected or mitigated, or the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

- B. Is the proposal located within riparian corridor buffer areas?
___ Yes ___ No

If yes, proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

If no, go to C.

- C. Is the proposal on steep or unstable slopes? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, the site must be protected or mitigated, or the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

If no, proposal may proceed.

Protection or mitigation requirements:

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FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Proposal Title:

Resources: RECREATION

Specialist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Does the proposed development minimize impacts to existing recreation facilities (i.e. trails, trailheads, developed and undeveloped camping, etc.)?

If yes, go to B.

If no, the site must be protected or mitigated, or the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis completed. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

- B. Does the proposed development create any public safety concerns regarding existing recreation facilities (i.e. trails, trailheads, developed and undeveloped camping, etc.)? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, the safety concern must be addressed through modification of the proposed development or dropping the proposed development. ** If the proposed development is to be modified, please document the modification below.

If no, proposal may proceed.

Modification identified:

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Proposal Title:

Resources: TRANSPORTATION

Specialist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Is there an existing road system that would already provide reasonable access for the proposed development? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, go to B.

If no, go to C.

- B. Does the proposed development include using the existing road system?
____ Yes ____ No

If yes, proposal may proceed.

If no, go to C.

- C. Does the proposed road layout provide reasonable access to the proposed development, while mitigating impacts to surface resources? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, proposal may proceed.

If no, the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If modified, please identify the revised road layout with an attached map.

FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

Proposal Title:

Resources: WILDLIFE/FISHERIES

Specialist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Is the proposal near known threatened or endangered species, or within their habitat? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, the site must be protected or mitigated, or the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

If no, go to B.

- B. Is the proposal area covered by previous surveys? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, proposal may proceed.

If no, complete pre-field survey and conduct field surveys based on pre-field results. If surveys reveal potential impacts to threatened or endangered species, the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. ** If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

Protection or mitigation requirements: